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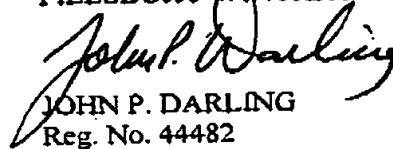
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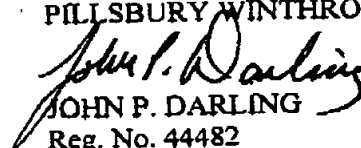
Sir:

An Amendment After Final Rejection was filed on the above-identified application on August 3, 2004. As indicated in the Interview Summary dated September 3, 2004, Applicant's arguments regarding the improper Final Rejection dated May 3, 2004 were found persuasive and the finality of the May 3, 2004 Office Action was withdrawn and Applicant's Amendment After Final Rejection filed August 3, 2004 had been entered as a matter of right.

PAIR indicates that the status of the above-identified application is "Advisory Action mailed." The undersigned respectfully requests that the status of the above-identified application be updated to reflect entry of the August 3, 2004 Amendment After Final Rejection. The undersigned also respectfully requests to be apprised, in writing, when the next Office Action will be issued.

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